

*Ser.no. 10/077,884
Amdt dated January 12, 2004
In Reply to Office Action dated September 12, 2003*

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Under separate cover, Applicant has filed a Petition for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for one month in order to respond to the Office Action.

Claims 2-7 and claim 9 remain in this application. Claims 8 and 10 have been cancelled. Claim 1 has been amended.

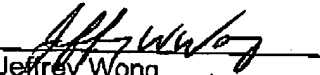
The Examiner objected to claim 1 as being anticipated by Mackey. The Applicant has amended claim 1 accordingly to include the subject matter of claim 8, that is, that reliefs are arranged along at least a portion of the bend. The Examiner stated that this subject matter would be allowable if written in an independent form to include the limitations of the base claim.

Claims 8 and 10 have been cancelled since the limitations of these claims have been added to claim 1. Claims 2-7 and claim 9 remain unchanged in this application. The Applicant respectfully submits that these claims are now allowable since they are dependent on claim 1, which has been amended to include allowable subject matter.

For the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance, which is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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